(*a*) whether any special qualifications are needed for becoming a member of the Cochin Scouts Council;

(*b*) the number of applications received for membership of the Cochin Scouts Council;

(*c*) how many such applications were replied to;

(*d*) how many new admissions were made?

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** (*Director of Public Instruction*): (*a*) The applicant should primarily satisfy the Executive Committee that his character is above reproach and his antecedents respectable. He should also possess a good general education and should subscribe to the aims and ideals of the Scout Movement.

(*b*) 11 in 1114.

(*c*) All.

(*d*) 8 till now.

**SCOUTS IN COCHIN STATE—PARTICULARS REGARDING.**

**354. Mr. M. L. Joseph** (*Latin Christians-Cranganur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—(*a*) how many scouts are there in Cochin State; how many of them are (*i*) King's Scouts (*ii*) First Class Scouts;

(*b*) when was the movement originally started in Cochin?

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*)

| | |
|---|---|
| Cubs | 480 |
| Scouts | 1302 |
| Rovers | 147 |
| Scouters | 156 |
| Total | 2085 |
| King's Scout | 1 |
| First Class Scouts | 20 |

(*b*) Formally inaugurated on the 15th March 1923.

**SEA SCOUT TRAINING—SCOUT ORGANISING SECRETARY.**

**355. Mr. M. L. Joseph** (*Latin Christians-Cranganur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—(*a*) whether the Government was informed of the Scout Organising Secretary's trip to Calcutta with a view to undergo sea scout training;

(*b*) whether he was selected by the Executive Committee in a regular meeting;

(*c*) what was the actual expenses incurred in connection with that tour;

(*d*) was the expenses sanctioned by the Executive Committee?

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**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) Rs. 100.

(*d*) Yes.

**PROMOTIONS AS SANSKRIT AND MALAYALAM PANDITS—STAFF OF SANSKRIT COLLEGE, TRIPPUNITTURA.**

**356. Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar** (*Trippunittura*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—(*a*) how many promotions were made from the Sanskrit College, Trippunittura, to the posts of Sanskrit and Malayalam Pandits in the Sirkar schools, since the appointment of the Staff Selection Board;

(*b*) are recruitments to the staff of the Sanskrit College made by the Staff Selection Board;

(*c*) if not, who is the appointing authority for the Sanskrit College?

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** (*Director of Public Instruction*):

(*a*) One—to the post of Sanskrit Pandit L. S. S. (Departmental)

(*b*) No.

(*c*) Government.

**Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar** (*Trippunittura*): Are employees in the Sanskrit College ordinarily entitled to promotions as Sanskrit Pandits and Malayalam Pandits in the other educational institutions?

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** (*Director of Public Instruction*): No.

**Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar** (*Trippunittura*): Then why was one man selected from there?

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** (*Director of Public Instruction*): The selection was made by the Government. He was the first of the applicants available possessing the requisite qualifications.

**Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar** (*Trippunittura*): Have the Sanskrit College Committee anything to do with the appointments made in the Sanskrit College?

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** (*Director of Public Instruction*): The Committee makes the recommendations. They have the right to advise the Government.

**Mr. V. N. Damodaran Nambiar** (*Trippunittura*): Is there any special reason for keeping the appointments in the Sanskrit College out of the purview of the Staff Selection Board?

**Rao Sahib I. N. Menon** (*Director of Public Instruction*): The appointments, so far, are being made by the Government.

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